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Response to Office Action of Sept. 16, 2005

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Sir:

Applicant now responds to the Office Action mailed September 16, 2005, ("the Action"). The period to respond has been extended three months by the Petition for Three Month Extension of Time filed herewith. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of all outstanding rejections. Recognizing that the present response is made after FINAL rejection, applicants also submit herewith a Request for Continuing Examination (RCE).

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

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